Case 06-10725-gwz Doc 8816 Entered 08/03/11 16:51:07 Page 1 of 4 LEWIS ROCA LAWYERS 1 3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 600 Las Vegas, NV 89169-5996 Facsimile (702) 949-8321 2 Telephone (702) 949-8320 Robert M Charles, Jr., NV State Bar No. 006593 3 Email: rcharles@lrlaw.com John C. Hinderaker AZ State Bar No. 18024 Email: jhinderaker@lrlaw.com 4 Attorneys for USACM Liquidating Trust 5 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 8 Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR In re: 9 Chapter 11 USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, 10 USACM LIQUIDATING TRUST'S FOURTH Debtor ONMIBUS OBJECTION TO ALLOWANCE 11 OF PROOFS OF CLAIM BASED IN PART ON INVESTMENT IN THE UNIVERSAL 12 HAWAII LOAN, EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS **DESIGNATED AS "UNREMITTED** 13 PRINCIPAL"; WITH CERTIFICATE OF **SERVICE** 14 Hearing Date: September 30, 2011 15 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m. Estimated time for hearing: 10 minutes 16 The USACM Liquidating Trust (the "USACM Trust") objects to the allowance of 17 claims based in part upon an investment in the Universal Hawaii Loan. The borrower 18 repaid the Universal Hawaii Loan, but USACM diverted the principal away from the 19 Direct Lenders. Diverted principal claims were scheduled by Mesirow Financial Interim 20

claims based in part upon an investment in the Universal Hawaii Loan. The borrower repaid the Universal Hawaii Loan, but USACM diverted the principal away from the Direct Lenders. Diverted principal claims were scheduled by Mesirow Financial Interim Management, LLC ("Mesirow"). Some of the direct lenders who were given scheduled claims also filed proofs of claim. In some instances, the proof of claim amounts are well in excess of the scheduled claim amounts. Accordingly, the USACM Trust moves to allow the proofs of claim listed in **Exhibit A** to the extent those claims are consistent with the scheduled unremitted principal claims related to the Universal Hawaii Loan and

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disallow any amount in excess of the scheduled unremitted principal claim amount. This objection is supported by the Supporting Declaration of Ted Burr ("Burr Decl.").

#### **MEMORANDUM**

### I. JURISDICTION

The Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157. Venue is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B). The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

#### II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

- 1. On April 13, 2006 ("Petition Date"), USA Commercial Mortgage Company ("USACM"), filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Case. Debtor continued to operate its business as debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Debtor's Post-petition management was under the direction of Thomas J. Allison of Mesirow Financial Interim Management, LLC ("Mesirow"), who served as the Chief Restructuring Officer. Burr. Decl. ¶ 7.
- 2. USACM was a Nevada corporation that, prior to the Petition Date, was in the business of underwriting, originating, brokering, funding and servicing commercial loans, primarily secured by real estate, both on behalf of its investors to purchase fractional interest in loans that USACM' originated and then serviced. These investors are referred to as "Direct Lenders" in USACM's bankruptcy case and in this Objection. Burr. Decl. ¶ 8.
- 3. On January 8, 2007, the Court entered its Order Confirming the "Debtors' Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization" as Modified Herein [Docket No. 2376]. Under the Plan, the USACM Trust is the successor to USACM with respect to standing to seek allowance and disallowance of Claims. The USACM Trust exists as of

the Effective Date of the Plan, March 12, 2007. Geoffrey L. Berman is the Trustee. Burr. Decl. ¶ 9.

- 4. A "USA Capital Loan Summary as of February 28, 2007" prepared by Mesirow indicates that the Universal Hawaii loan was repaid. (**Exhibit B**, attached.) Burr. Decl. ¶ 10.
- 5. There is a total of about \$5 million in scheduled unremitted principal associated with the Universal Hawaii Loan. Scheduled claims for the unremitted principal associated with the Universal Hawaii Loan were deemed allowed unless the Trust could match the scheduled claim up to a proof of claim, in which case the proof of claim was deemed allowed. Burr. Decl. ¶ 11.
- 6. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a list of the Universal Hawaii Claims arising out of filed proofs of claim by claimant, claim number total, claim amount, unremitted principal amount and amount of the claim subject to objection by the USACM Trust. Burr. Decl. ¶ 12. As required under Local Rule 3007, the first page of each Proof of Claim is attached as **Exhibit C**.

## III. APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

Under the Bankruptcy Code, any claim for which a proof of claim has been filed will be allowed unless a party in interest objects. If a party in interest objects to the proof of claim, the Court, after notice and hearing, shall determine the amount of the Claim and shall allow the Claim except to the extent that the Claim is "unenforceable against the debtor . . . under any . . . applicable law for a reason other than because such claim is contingent or unmatured." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b). The USACM Trust is entitled to object to proofs of claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). This objection is timely under the Court's orders.

# IV. OBJECTIONS TO ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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1	The USACM Trust moves to allow the proofs of claim listed on <b>Exhibit A</b> to the
2	extent those claims are consistent with the scheduled unremitted principal claims related to
3	the Universal Hawaii Loan and disallow any amount in excess of the scheduled unremitted
4	principal claim amount associated with the Universal Hawaii Loan. This objection will
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6	not affect the proof of claim to the extent it is based upon an investment in a different loan.
7	The USACM Trust reserves the right to modify, supplement and/or amend this
8	Objection as it pertains to any Claim or claimant herein. The USACM Trust requests any
9	further relief considered to be appropriate by the Court.
10	Dated: August 3, 2011.
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21	Class postage prepaid U.S. Mail on
22	August 3, 2011 to all parties listed on Exhibit A
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